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ENEMY'S TERMS OF PEACE

ALLIES' OPINION

"A COLOSSAL BLUFF"

ROUMANIANS

DRIVEN FURTHER BACK

ORGANISATION

NEW FRENCH CABINET

THE GERMAN CHANCELLOR

THE ALLIES GENERALLY REGARD

THE OFFER AS AN EXAMPLE

OF "COLOSSAL GERMAN BLUFF,"

AND IT IS NOWHERE SUGGESTED

THAT IT WILL BE SERIOUSLY ENTER- TAINED.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF A NEW

FRENCH CABINET, RECONSTRUCTED

SOLELY FOR THE MORE VIGOROUS

PROSECUTION OF THE WAR, IS

DAILY EXPECTED. GENERAL

NIVELLE, IT IS THOUGHT, WILL

SUCCESS GENERAL JOFFRE AS

GENERALISSIMO.

THE ROUMANIANS HAVE FALLEN

FURTHER BACK TOWARDS MOLDAVIA.

THE GERMAN CLAIMS THE

CAPTURE OF AN IMPORTANT

TOWN EAST OF PLOESCI.

WESTERN FRONT.

TRENCH BATTLES.

GENERAL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG, REPORTING

ON TUESDAY, SAYS—THERE WERE

SEVERAL MINING OPERATIONS SOUTHWARD

OF THE ENEMY'S SUPPORT LINE, NORTHWARD OF

THE ANCRE.

A FRENCH ATTACK AT BOLS DE LOGES, NORTH OF

LAUNOY, WAS BROKEN UP BY OUR BARRAGE

BATTALIONS WHICH GUINED A FORTIFY

ING OF THE ENEMY'S POSITION. FIVE MILES

WEST OF THE ANCRE, AND OUR LINE ENTIRELY

RE-ESTABLISHED.

THE FRENCH COMMUNIQUE, ISSUED AT MID-

NIGHT ON TUESDAY, SAYS—SOUTH OF THE

ANCRE, THERE WAS BRISK REPEATED ARTIL-

LERY FIRE IN THE BLANCHES AND LA MAISONNETTE

ENEMY IN ROUMANIA

STILL ADVANCING.

CLAIMS ANOTHER TOWN

LONDON, Dec. 13.

A RUSSIAN COMMUNIQUE STATES—ENEMY

ATTACKS SOUTH-EAST OF KOVEL, IN THE WOODED

CARPATHIANS, AND ON THE FRONTIER OF MOLDA-

VIA, WERE REPULSED. WE CAPTURED SOME

BELONGING TO THE ENEMY. THE GERMAN ARMY

IS UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTACKING NORTH OF CLAU, IN THE BUC-

OVINE VALLEY, AND WEST OF MISTIA, WHICH IS 30

MILES NORTH-EAST AND 25 MILES EAST OF

PLOESCI, RESPECTIVELY.

ENEMY CLAIMS MIZILU.

A BERLIN COMMUNIQUE SAYS—WE

CAPTURED MISTIA, HALFWAY BETWEEN PLOESCI

AND BUCURESTI, 30 MILES SOUTH- WEST OF PLOESCI. WE HAVE TAKEN 10,000

PRISONERS IN THREE DAYS. WE CAPTURED

SEVERAL GUNS AND MUCH WAR MATERIAL.

EMPEROR'S VISIT.

THE ITALIAN NEWSPAPER "IL SECOLO"

STATES THAT THE GERMAN EMPEROR WILL

SHORTLY PAY A VISIT TO BUCHAREST.

GENERAL VON STOLBERG HAS BEEN AP-

POINTED CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF AT

BUCHAREST.

GREEK TREACHERY.

ATTEMPT TO GAIN TIME.

LONDON, Dec. 12.

THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH" PUBLISHES COR-

RESPONDENT WRITES—KING CONSTANTINE

IS TRYING TO GET THE GREEK ARMY OUT OF

THE POSITION BY THE PROSPECT OF A WAR

WITH THE ENTENTE. THE ALLIED SUBJECTS

HAVE LEFT ATHENS AND ARE LIVING ON

REQUISITIONED BOATS AT PIRÆUS AND

KERATIRI. ONLY THE MINISTERS ARE

REMAINING IN ATHENS.

SIX THOUSAND VENIZELISTS, AS THE ARRESTS

CONTINUE, HAVE TAKEN REFUGE IN PIRÆUS.

THE GOVERNMENT STATES IT IS WILLING TO

MAKE REPARATION, AND DEMANDS CERTAIN

OFFICERS, BUT IT IS OPPOSED TO THE RE- ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ALLIED CONTROL OR DIS-

ARMAMENT.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS HURRIEDLY TRANS-

PORTED TO ATHENS THE WHEAT WHICH HAD

ENEMY PEACE TERMS

ATTEMPTED BLUFF.

NOTE TO THE ALLIES

APPEAL TO POPE.

OFFER PRACTICALLY STATUS

BEFORE WAR.

LONDON, Dec. 13.

AN OFFICIAL WIRELESS MESSAGE STATES THAT

THE IMPERIAL CHANCELLOR, DR. VON BETHMANN

HOLWEG, ANNOUNCED TO THE REICHSTAG THAT

GERMANY AND HER ALLIES, CONSCIOUS OF THEIR

RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE GOD, BEFORE MAN, BE-

FORE THE NATION, AND BEFORE HUMANITY, HAD

PROPOSED THAT MORNING THAT THE HOSTILE

POWERS ENTER INTO PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

DR. VON BETHMANN HOLWEG SAID HE HAD

THIS MORNING RECEIVED THE AMERICAN, SPAN-

ISH, AND SWISS REPRESENTATIVES, AND HAD

PRESENTED TO THEM A NOTE PROPOSING PEACE

BY TRANSMISSION TO THE HOSTILE GOVERN-

MENTS.

AUSTRIA, TURKEY, AND BULGARIA HAD

SIMULTANEOUSLY ISSUED AN IDENTICAL NOTE,

SAYING DR. HOLWEG, THE TEXT OF WHICH HAD

BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE HOLY SEE AND TO

NEUTRAL STATES. THE CONTENTS HAD NOT YET

BEEN DISCLOSED.

THE WIRELESS MESSAGE ADDS—"THE FOUR

ALLIED POWERS HAVE PUT FORTH PROPOSITIONS

WHICH, ACCORDING TO THEIR BELIEF, ARE AN

APPROPRIATE BASIS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A

LASTING PEACE."

THE NOTE.

THE CENTRAL POWERS' NOTE SAYS: THE

MOST TERRIBLE WAR IN HISTORY HAS BEEN RA-

GING TWO AND A HALF YEARS—A CATASTROPHE

WHICH TWO THOUSAND YEARS OF CIVILIZA-

TION HAS BEEN ABLE TO PREVENT. THE SPIRITUAL

AND MATERIAL PROGRESS WHICH HAS BEEN

EUROPE'S PRIDE IS THREATENED BY THE

RULE, GERMAN AND HER ALLIES HAVE GIVEN

PROOF OF THEIR UNCONQUERABLE CONTINUA-

TION OF THE WAR WILL NOT BREAK OUR RE-

SISTANCE. WE WERE OBLIGED TO TAKE UP AR-

MS FOR THE DEFENSE OF JUSTICE AND LIBERTY FOR

NATIONAL EVOLUTION. DO NOT AIM AT SHATTERING

EMPEROR'S MESSAGE

AN AMSTERDAM MESSAGE STATES THAT THE

GERMAN EMPEROR HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO ALL

PEOPLES STATING, "SOLDIERS—IN AGREEMENT

WITH THE SOVEREIGNS AT MY ALLEGIANCE, AND

WITH CONSCIOUSNESS OF VICTORY, I HAVE

MADE AN OFFER OF PEACE TO THE ENEMY.

WHETHER IT WILL BE ACCEPTED IS STILL UN-

CERTAIN. UNTIL THAT MOMENT ARRIVES WE

SHALL FIGHT ON."

RECEPTION OF SPEECH.

THE GERMAN OFFICIAL NEWS, WHICH IS SENT

OUT BY WIRELESS, SAYS THAT DR. VON BETH-

MANN HOLWEG BEGAN HIS SPEECH BY SAYING

THAT HE WAS GLAD TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO

THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD, AND THAT HE WAS

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THE ONLY POSSIBLE TERMS.

STATEMENT BY MR. HUGHES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

REFERRING TO THE PEACE PROPOSALS OF THE

CENTRAL POWERS, MR. HUGHES, THE PRIME

MINISTER, SAID THAT HE WAS GLAD TO BE

ABLE TO SPEAK TO THE PEOPLES OF THE

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LATE WAR NEWS.

Late War Cables will be found on

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WAR NOTES.

THE GREAT PEACE PLAY.

THE CURTAINS RISE, AND IN THE CENTRE OF

THE STAGE A HUMBLE PEASANT ARRIVES

IN A SACKCOCK AND A SHAWL. HE IS

THE NEW YORK TIMES SAYS THAT THE ONLY

PEACE IS ENDORSED BY THE DESTRUCTION

OF PRUSSIA'S MILITARY.

THE "NEW YORK WORLD" SAYS THE PROPOSAL

OF SOMETHING MORE LIKE A TRUCE THAN A

West, Mr. J. J. Cohen, M.L.A., Mr. J. M. P. M.L.A., and Mr. J. J. M.L.A. The question as to whether the metropolitan area could be worked on the Federal electorate basis was discussed. A scheme which aimed at the grouping of local recruiting committees was also discussed. The question as to whether the metropolitan area could be worked on the Federal electorate basis was discussed. A scheme which aimed at the grouping of local recruiting committees was also discussed.

YESTERDAY'S ENLISTMENTS.

Volunteers at Victoria Barracks yesterday numbered 49, of whom 27 were accepted.

IN OTHER STATES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday. Today's recruiting figures were:—Volunteers, 20; accepted, 20.

WAR CASUALTIES.

KILLED.

DRIVER STEWART.
Driver Leslie Stewart was killed in France on November 14. Driver Stewart left Sydney in July last.

PRIVATE J. C. MARTIN.
Alderman J. C. Martin, whose son, Private J. C. Martin, was first reported missing, and was killed in action in France on July 20.

PRIVATE H. J. BROTHERTON.
Private H. J. Brotherton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Brotherton, was killed in action in France. He was 21 years of age.

PRIVATE V. OVEREND.
Private V. Overend, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Overend, of Cuthbert, has been killed in action.

PRIVATE W. KEEVERS.
Private Walter Keever, son of Mr. M. E. Keever, of Keever, has been killed in action. He has two brothers at the front.

DIED OF WOUNDS.

LEUT. W. H. ARNOLD.
Second-Lieutenant W. H. Arnold, of Leith, who died of wounds on November 17, was the youngest son of Inspector J. Arnold, of the Sydney Police Force. He was 21 years of age.

PRIVATE A. THORNTON.
Private Alfred Thornton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Thornton, and a native of Bombala, has died of wounds.

PRIVATE O. ENGLAND.
Mrs. Enslin, of the Point, has received news that her husband, Private O. Enslin, died of wounds in France on November 14. He was 21 years of age.

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Private Arthur Harrison, son of Mr. W. Harrison, of Scores, has been seriously wounded.

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LATE WAR NEWS.

RIOT IN HAMBURG.

LONDON, Dec. 13. The "Daily Express," in a sensational announcement, which it claims comes from a reliable source, states that 20,000 people took part in riots in Hamburg on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. A thousand were killed and wounded. Troops were brought from Berlin to suppress the disturbance.

FRENCH WAR COUNCIL.

LONDON, Dec. 13. The National Defence Council of the French Cabinet will consist of—M. Briand (Premier), M. Poincaré (Minister for Finance), General Lyautey (Minister for War), Rear-Admiral Lacaze (Minister for the Navy), and M. Thomas (Minister for Munitions), with the technical advice and assistance of General Joffre.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

LONDON, Dec. 13. Lieutenant Thomas Storr Dixon, of the Coldstream Guards, the youngest son of Mr. Hugh Dixon, of Sydney, has been killed in action.

Second-Lieutenant Frederic Sydney Jones, of the Lancashire Fusiliers, a son of the late Mr. Frederic Jones, of Sydney, has been killed in action.

Private H. J. Brotherton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Brotherton, was killed in action in France. He was 21 years of age.

Private V. Overend, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Overend, of Cuthbert, has been killed in action.

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GERMAN OFFER.

LONDON, Dec. 13. London refuses to become over excited about the offer of peace from Germany, everyone, naturally, is eager to hear what all the Reichstag members have to say. The newspapers, to-day, take the matter calmly, and mostly dismiss the offer by reiterating Mr. Asquith's declaration of the Entente's war aim, that it is impossible to discuss the idea in detail until a concrete offer is made.

It is safe to predict that the supposed details of the offer of peace terms emanating from the Reichstag at Weimar, which leaked out at a late hour, will not be heard.

The London newspapers contrast Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg's bombast with M. Clemenceau's calmness, and say that the offer of a respite to fight on till victory is secured, in their exchange of congratulations. The only fear in some quarters seems to be a possible cessation of the strength of the British position.

"Daily News," while declaring that we must insist on a reasonable fulfilment of Mr. Asquith's declaration, says the Allies should formally state their terms, and that Germany may possibly win a diplomatic victory.

The "Daily Chronicle," which fairly reflects popular opinion, says that it is our duty to play on the German's nerves, and that we have only to inquire what they are. Britain seems to be less concerned about the prospects of peace than about Germany's motive. Few believe that the Allies should accept a peace which would leave Germany in a position to attack us again.

The newspapers opportunistly quote influential German organs to show that the German position is not so strong as it seems. They also assert that the German Government is in a position to make a serious offer of peace, and that the Allies should accept it.

It is universally supposed that Germany hopes to impress neutral nations. The latter, however, are not so easily deceived. They are aware that Germany has successfully fought a defensive war, she can offer to negotiate without loss of prestige. It is also von Hindenburg's view that Germany aims impossible of attainment.

In that case, neutral nations whose hopes have been raised high by astute German propaganda, will be seriously disappointed. They will be aware that Germany has won a tactical victory, but that she has not won the war.

Finally, Germany may have thought her peace kite was flying for domestic reasons. It may possibly stop a weakening of German discipline and the rulers may want to stiffen the backbone of the nation. They were all aware of the help of America. They were all aware of the help of America. They were all aware of the help of America.

The "Daily Telegraph's" Rotterdam correspondent emphasises this view, and warns the Entente that German boatbuilders have lately been revived. If German boatbuilders have lately been revived, it is a sign that Germany is preparing for a new offensive.

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FLOOD DANGER.

FEARS IN TAMWORTH.

TAMWORTH, Wednesday. Reports to hand this afternoon confirm the seriousness of the situation. At Nundah, the level of the river is rising, and this evening is 2 ft. higher than it was at noon to-day. Kotaling reports show that the Cuckoo has also risen 2 ft. since noon, and is again running a banker. Rain is still falling.

The position at Tamworth is critical, as the pool, carrying a huge volume of flood water from three rivers which join near the town, is gradually covering all the flat country between Tamworth and West Tamworth. There is a lower ground, and the flood is reaching up to the bridge at water level. There is a lower ground, and the flood is reaching up to the bridge at water level.

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